



THE SMITH-AIKEN WELL

In the Monongalia Oil Field is Still Spraying.

THE EARLY REPORTS ABOUT IT

Wide Off the Mark—It May Have to Go Deep—Encouraging Signs for the Field—Scouts Roosting and Waiting Developments.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

FAIRMONT, W. VA., August 20.—A visit to the Smith & Aiken well on the Price farm shows the early reports to have been wide off the mark. The well has never given any indication of enormous production. It did put oil in the tank, and though plugged is still spraying, but at present its chief product is gas and a heavy pressure. The drillers say the well is finished, but experts who visited it yesterday say this is not true and predict that as soon as the gas blows out enough to permit men to stand over the hole, work will begin again. Nothing is being done now, and it is believed that nothing can be done for several days. This hole is 2,019 feet deep and not through the sand. In spite of the superabundance of gas, oil men say the well will be a good one, and those who have leased in the vicinity are much encouraged. Smith & Aiken have refused an offer of \$17,000 for the well and an acre of ground around it.

The good show of oil at this well demonstrates that oil is at least this far east, but it is a mistake to say that the Smith & Aiken fixes the eastern limit of the field. The Hukill well on the Miller farm, about a mile south, at least 250 feet further east. This well was 80 feet in the sand last night. It should get oil, if at all, at 120 or 180, a thickness of sand which surprises oil men from the Washington field. This well is expected to-morrow. Scouts are roosting on the fence near by waiting for it. The well has been moved back and the force taken out of the derrick.

Messrs. Robert H. Rose and B. R. Backer, oil men of Northern Pennsylvania, and ex-Sheriff Brown, of Wheeling, a successful operator in the Washington field, who came out to look over the Dolsa Run country, returned to Wheeling to-day.

Until now the oil from this region has been piped to tank cars on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and transported to Parkersburg. Arrangements have been made, however, by which the product in the future will be piped direct to the Pennsylvania line.

OIL MEN PUZZLED.

Regarding the New Pool at Jefferson Centre—Big Expectations.

BUTLER, PA., August 20.—Oil producers have been puzzled regarding the new oil pool at Jefferson Centre, not knowing whether it was an offshoot of the Saxenburg field or a second edition of the famous Thorn Creek reservoir. To-day, however, when the Younkens, Christy & Campbell well began gushing out hundred barrels per hour it was practically a reminder of Thorn Creek spouters. The well is located on the Montag farm near the old mill at Jefferson Centre. The drill has penetrated only 6 feet in the sand which is about 10 feet deep. It is probable that the well will produce 4,000 barrels a day though many producers claim that she has made the best effort.

A SAD CASE.

A Prominent Business Man Goes Insane and Runs Wild in the Woods.

TOLSON, O., August 20.—Three weeks ago Adam Kemmer, a well known building contractor, disappeared in a mysterious manner. Some months since Kemmer was awarded the contract for building two new depot buildings in this city, but he took the job cheaply, and finding that he would lose money he left the city. A search was made for him by his family and friends but without avail, and he was given up as either dead or having fled to avoid the disgrace of a failure. The mystery was solved yesterday morning. As a hunter was passing through the woods near Grassy Point, three miles below the city, he discovered a man half nude, with wild clothes hanging in tatters. He called to him and discovered to his great surprise, that it was Kemmer, whom he knew well. The unfortunate man hearing his name called turned and ran like a deer through the woods, uttering imprecations as he ran. The hunter was reported to the chief of police who detailed a squad of officers to search for him. The hunt is now in progress. Mr. Kemmer is almost distracted at the fate of his husband.

A CATTLE MAN MURDERED.

Attempts by the Murderers to Make It Appear a Case of Suicide.

WICHITA, KAN., August 20.—Robert Doran, a leading cattle man, was found Sunday morning with his throat cut from ear to ear on one of his ranches thirty miles northwest of here. Those best acquainted with him are firmly of the belief that he was murdered and that he was left with a bloody razor to indicate suicide. The razor was not a new one and on the bone handle had been cut the initials "O. T." Mr. Doran's family says the razor was seen about the house and certainly belonged to some one else. Some of the parties who are suspected of knowing where the razor was hidden, having had trouble with Doran over some business matters, were found at their usual locations yesterday. Two men who are reported to have left Saturday night for No Mans Land on horse back are suspected.

FAILURE OF A WOOL FIRM

Caused by the Assignment of Brown, Steese & Clark.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., August 20.—The assignment of the Phoenix Woolen Company, of East Greenwich, was recorded to-day. The assignment is made to Wm. A. Walton, of this city. The mill was owned by Joseph Dewa, and the embarrassment is caused by the failure of Brown, Steese & Clark, which firm held Dewa's notes for large amounts, the custom of Dewa being to give his note to the Boston firm and receive from them his consignments of wool. Shortly before their failure, the Boston firm held Dewa's paper for \$100,000. At the time of the collapse Dewa had received but \$37,000 worth of wool.

ARAB IMMIGRANTS.

Seventy Thousand of Them Proposed to Come to America.

New York, August 20.—Twenty Arabs, of both sexes, who came on the steamer La Normandie, are detained at Castle Garden until the Turkish Consul can be consulted. It is said there are 70,000 Arabs waiting to come to this country, provided the twenty are passed through.

A LAUGH ON REPORTERS.

A Ludiicrous Situation in Which New York Interviewers Found Themselves.

NEW YORK, August 20.—There was considerable excitement at the pier of the French Steamship Line yesterday over the expected arrival of M. Daniel Wilson, son-in-law of ex-President Grevy of France, and his wife. Newspaper men especially were anxious to see one who had played such a prominent part in recent French history. At first he was difficult to find, and a number of men were approached in the vain hope of receiving an affirmative answer to the question "Are you Mr. Wilson?"

With the aid of the steward, however, the search of the newspaper man was soon ended and a tall, fine looking man dressed in a neatly fitting suit of gray was pointed out as Mr. Wilson. All doubt was dispelled, also, when he acknowledged his identity at once in a good humored way. The reporters felt still happier when he astonishingly perfect English, he said, was always friendly to the press, and would be glad to see them as soon as he attended to his baggage.

During the intervening minutes Mr. Wilson received many words of praise. One reporter in particular declared that "a man of his reputation and affability was worth at least a column" in the paper which he represented. After this speech he was unanimously chosen spokesman.

Mr. Wilson returned as promised, accompanied by his smiling and beautiful wife, and was escorted at once by the spokesman.

"I should like to know in the first place, Mr. Wilson," he said, "what has brought you to this country? Mr. Wilson looked at him a moment and said: "I believe you are after a woman's name, since I have been a citizen of Chicago for forty-six years. I am H. Wilson, of the prairie city."

The result of this statement need not be described. The spokesman, accompanied by his colleagues, retreated rapidly, and soon learned that a mistake in the initials on the other side of the ocean had caused the blunder. Daniel Wilson is still in Paris.

BIG BEN AND LITTLE BEN

Enjoy the Day Together—The President Takes Along His Watch.

DEER PARK, Md., August 20.—The day is genial and just agreeably warm. In reply to the stereotyped question what news for the press, the Associated Press man was pleasantly informed that our Chief Magistrate was not working for a living this morning, so there was no need of the President's watch. When asked how he stood his ordeal of constant hand-shaking, he remarked that by holding his hand rather firm in the grasp of each, perhaps only one man in a hundred intentionally hurt him. The President expressed some solicitude about the sickness of his friend and former partner, Attorney General Miller, and putting on his hat and taking up a long mountain stick of hickory, started out to pay the President a visit. The purpose, invalid himself was announced, together with Captain Brown, of Samoa, known. Mr. Park said he had a slight attack last night of neuralgia, which a simple remedy had entirely cured, and that he could not do to feel better. The family of the President is in perfect health, enjoying the mountain air.

THE RESULTS OF IRRIGATION.

The Investigations of the Senate Committee Have Ended.

SALT LAKE, UTAH, August 20.—The Senate Committee on Irrigation arrived here Sunday night from Boise City. The party consists of Senator Stewart, of Nevada, (Chairman), Senator Plumb, of Kansas, Senator Reagan, of Texas, and Senator Jones, of Arkansas. They are accompanied by Major Powell, Director of the Geological Survey. Yesterday the committee held a session in the Governor's room at the state capitol, at which various reports regarding the need of irrigation in Utah and the results of irrigation as far as it has been resorted to in this territory. Governor Thomas presented and filed with the committee a number of papers and statistics bearing on the project. Judge Elias A. Smith was examined and gave a detailed account of the manner in which the work of irrigation had been followed in the neighborhood of Salt Lake. The project originally had no laws, he said, to govern the distribution of water and appropriated themselves together by agreement and irrigated their lands by directing the courses of the streams. The only instance known to him of a corporation being organized with a view to controlling the water of a river was the case of the Bothwell Canal Company operating on Bear river, and their legal right to control the water was not questioned. A number of other witnesses were also examined.

WELCOME RAIN.

The Montana Forest Fires Checked—How they Originated.

HELENA, MONT., August 20.—A heavy rain, general throughout the Territory, fell all Sunday night, and the forest fires which have been raging for the past week are checked in most places and put out in others. The fires originated from two causes—lightning and camp fires—and millions of feet of most valuable lumber in the territory have been destroyed, as well as valuable ranges burnt over. Owing to the drought this has proved an incalculable loss to stockmen, who have had in some instances taken their cattle into British possessions, where they are charged a good round price for grazing privileges.

SOME IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

New Features in the Cronin Case Just Come to Light.

CHICAGO, August 20.—The police have secured some important evidence in the Cronin case. It is said to be to the effect that on the night of the murder of Dr. Cronin, a pair of horses belonging to O'Sullivan, the ice man now in jail as one of Cronin's murderers, were attached to one of his ice wagons and were driven rapidly in the vicinity in which the murder was committed by three excited men. The horses were driven up in front of a saloon in Lakeview at about 9 o'clock, that they were covered with foam, and that the men in the wagon went in and had a drink. It had been supposed ever since the murder that these horses remained in the barn all that night. The police admit the substantial correctness of these statements, but decline to speak further about the matter, except to say that neither of the men in the wagon is in jail.

THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

The Official Programme Prepared by the Manager.

THE BIG BALL TO BE OPENED

By the Sons of Veterans with a Campfire—A Week of Great Reunions and Campfires will Follow—Interesting Outlook.

MILWAUKEE, August 20.—Manager Chapman has prepared the official programme for the G. A. R. Encampment. Next Monday evening the Sons of Veterans will hold a camp fire at the west side Turner Hall. Commander-in-Chief Warner, of the Grand Army, will preside. The parade of the Grand Army and the Sons of Veterans will occur Tuesday forenoon. On Tuesday evening the visiting members of the Woman's Relief Corps will be tendered a reception at the high school building. The Grand Army men will hold camp fires on the same evening at the west side Turner Hall and the Armory. Department Commander Weisert will preside at the west side Turner Hall. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by Governor Howell, Mayor Brown and Department Commander Weisert. Commander-in-Chief Warner and Pension Commissioner Tanner will respond. General Fairbank will preside at the camp fire. General Sherman is expected to attend both camp fires. The post war concert will be given Tuesday evening. A reunion of the Sons of Veterans will be given Tuesday evening at Plymouth church. The business session of the Grand Army and the Woman's Relief Corps will begin Wednesday morning, the former at the west side Turner Hall and the latter at St. James church, and continue through the week. The reunions of departments, brigades and divisions will be inaugurated Wednesday. On Wednesday afternoon General Sherman will visit the Soldiers Home, where he will be formally received by the veterans and a salute fired in his honor. The second and final war concert will be given Wednesday evening. Thursday afternoon a party of specially invited guests will be entertained by the Veterans at the Soldiers Home. A drive around the city. The party will visit a number of leading manufacturing establishments and an elaborate lunch will be served to them on the route. The naval battle will occur on Thursday evening.

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

The Real Significance Perhaps of Mrs. Maybrick's Expression, "Fick Unto Death."

NEW YORK, August 20.—The New York attorneys for Mrs. Maybrick received this morning from an anonymous correspondent, a letter explaining the use of the expression, "He is sick unto death," which occurred in Mrs. Maybrick's letter to Brierly, and upon which Judge Stephen placed much importance. The correspondent writes: "I yield to the solicitations of friends to communicate with you on behalf of Mrs. Maybrick. You will learn from Southern papers that the 'Fick Unto Death'—used in the Brierly letter, and construed by the Judge to mean darkly and an intent to kill, is a Southern vernacular in common use among women in the Gulf and other States to express any painful interest, however slight it may be. She would say, I am sick unto death if merely suffering with a sick headache, or sickness of the stomach. To express dangerous illness, she would be very apt to say, very ill or very sick. The attorneys think this is an important point, and will send the letter to the British Home Secretary."

ANOTHER CASE FOR BLAINE.

American Citizens Arrested as Spies by German Officers, and Subjected to Indignities.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., August 20.—E. G. Hill, widely known among florists and President of the National Florist Association, has just returned to Richmond, Ind., his home, from a trip to Europe and reports that while enroute from Belfort to Basel in company with Mr. Robert George, of Painesville, Ohio, the train was stopped at the neutral line between France and Alsace-Lorraine, and the passengers arrested as spies. They and their baggage were searched, their passports disregarded and they were not allowed to cross the line. Mr. Hill says the German officers were obviously brutal in their treatment of him. They were denied the privilege of continuing their journey, although there was nothing whatever to support the suspicion against them, and they were compelled to hire a French peasant to take them back to Belfort. Their treatment will be reported to the State Department.

CONGRESSMAN LAIRD'S DEATH.

The Autopsy Reveals that Unskilled Surgeons Killed Him.

HARTING, N.M., August 20.—Something of a sensation was created by the report of the autopsy over the late Congressman Laird. This examination brought out the surprising fact that Laird was a sound man physically. Every vital organ of his body was found to have been in a healthy condition. He was getting well, and with his vital organs sound, he was only a question of time when he would have been restored to full vigor. This was prevented by most unhappy circumstances. Eminent physicians had declared that Laird was not suffering particularly and that a surgical operation was unnecessary, and yet his death was attributed directly to the operation performed just a few days before his demise. His death was directly attributed to blood poisoning caused by the operation.

Secretary Tracy at Portsmouth.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 20.—This morning Secretary of the Navy Tracy, accompanied by Lieutenant Mason, came up to the Navy Yard in the Secretary's launch. He was received with the customary honors by the officers and mariners attached to the yard, who were drawn up in line at the landing and a salute was fired. The Secretary was shown about the yard by Commandant Bradford, and afterwards lunched with the officers.

A Fatal Sham Battle.

NEW YORK, August 20.—Early this morning William Ball, colored, a strolling minstrel, stabbed and killed a tough negro known as Black Hawk Porter in a Bleecker street dance house. Ball in a statement to the police said that the killing was accidental; each had a knife and were only fighting a sham battle.

A Woman's Strange Request.

NEW YORK, August 20.—A handsome dressed woman called on Warden Osborne at the Tombs this morning and requested permission to witness the execution of the five murderers on Friday. The fair visitor was escorted to the street by an under sheriff.

THE MURDERER OF JACK LEE

Gives Himself Up—The Hearing to Take Place To-day.

NEW GUMBLELAND, W. VA., August 20.—J. W. Lashley, the murderer of Jack Lee, the pugilist, gave himself up to-day to the authorities. He was not at home, but his friends said that he has no intention of evading the law, inasmuch as he knows that he has nothing to fear from Governor Lowry. We will start South to-day about midnight, and on Thursday, the time fixed by the court for him to appear in the habeas corpus proceedings. Sheriff Childs said that Kilrain would be convicted and given the same sentence as Sullivan, and that he too would appear in a higher court and be released on bail. The Court of Appeals would not sit under ninety days, and in the meantime the railroad company at which the prosecution was really directed, would be doing nothing, and the pugilist would be either paid or proceedings against them dropped. Governor Lowry was only by proceeding the principals that he could reach the accessories.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

The Annual Meeting at Grafton Park—A Large Attendance Expected.

GRAFTON, W. VA., August 20.—The Seventh Day Adventists are encamped for their annual meeting at Grafton Park. One tent, fifty by eighty-two feet, is comfortably seated for public services which will be held each day at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. till the 27th, with extra meetings Saturday and Sunday.

Business meetings are held at 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 p. m., and a prayer and social meeting every morning at 8:30. Family worship is held in the tents at 8:30 a. m. Order and system are observed in every arrangement and neatness and good taste are shown in all the preparations and decorations of the grounds and tents. The first regular train was held last evening, when the theme was "The Worth of a Soul," with Mark III, 36-37 as a text. The Grafton & Greenbrier Railroad runs special trains to the Park every evening, and next Sunday will run trains all day for the accommodation of those who wish to attend. The grounds are free to all and there will be no collections taken.

The Baltimore & Ohio are selling excursion tickets for one fare, and will run special trains Sunday, while the tickets will be good on all regular trains during the week. The people have taken as many trains as they can get, and a few days' stay at the camp they intended to make it a permanent place of abode. No attempt is made in their services to create an excitement, but with earnestness and Christian fervor will the speakers expound the topics of practical importance will be considered during the meetings. The grove is well filled with family tents, while refreshments can be secured at reasonable rates at tents placed for the purpose. A good attendance is expected.

KANAWHA COUNTY'S VOTE.

The Governor's Official Committee Reports Twelve Assailed by Fleming.

TERRA ALTA, August 20.—The contest committee is now passing upon the vote of Kanawha county. So far, of the votes assailed by Judge Fleming, twelve have been rejected. Of these five were the votes of paupers. The proof shows that the persons charged with being paupers received aid to the amount of \$275 to \$17 during the whole of the last six months of 1888, averaged more than a keg of powder in Kanawha. One vote of a man of unimpaired mind was rejected. The rest went upon the grounds of non-residence.

A Mysterious Disappearance.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 20.—Last Wednesday Mandel Nelson, of Campbell's Creek, came to this city and purchased a lot of goods, which he ordered sent up on a wagon. He told the driver that he would follow. But up to-day he had not returned home. He had with him about \$300. He has not been heard from since and his relatives are making inquiries as to his whereabouts. It is feared that he has been foully dealt with.

Has a Passion for Horses.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., August 20.—Two weeks ago Effie Robins, a good looking young girl, aged 18 years, was arrested and lodged in jail at Windford on a charge of having stolen a horse and a named Lennie. Last night she succeeded in escaping from the jail, and in order to accelerate her flight, took with her another fine horse belonging to Dr. Carpenter.

Pension Board Organized.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

MANNINGTON, W. VA., August 20.—The Board of Pension Examiners appointed and located at this place some time since received their final credentials yesterday. At their meeting to-day they organized by electing Dr. George L. Sullivan, of this city, President. Dr. Wm. Secretary and Dr. M. Miller Treasurer, and are now ready for business.

A PENSION ORDER.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., August 20.—Pension Commissioner Tanner to-day issued the following important order: "The rule which has hitherto maintained in this office regarding proof of origin of disability under which the evidence of one commissioned officer or one orderly sergeant was accepted, while in the absence of that evidence the testimony of two private soldiers has been required, is hereby so far modified that, in the absence of the evidence of the commissioned officer or the orderly sergeant, the origin shall be held to be proven on the evidence of the claimant and one private soldier, provided always that said claimant and said private be men of reputable character."

Died of Hydrophobia.

DANVERS, MASS., August 20.—Gilman H. Kimball, of Middleboro, who was attacked with hydrophobia Saturday, died very quietly last night, having been kept under the influence of hypodermic injections. Mr. Kimball was 30 years old, and a member of the firm of J. B. Thomas & Co., box-makers.

Indian Massacre Threatened.

MINISOTA, MONT., August 20.—Hellsie information reached here last night that the Indians are again menacing the lives of the whites at Damersville. They have broken into a house and one person has been killed. Dr. D. Dunsmuir, of Justice of the Peace at Damersville, has telegraphed Governor White for protection, and says that the settlers are guarding their homes. Further particulars are not yet obtainable.

THEY WILL NEVER SERVE A DAY.

How Sullivan and Kilrain Expect to Keep Out of Prison.

BALTIMORE, MD., August 20.—Sporting circles were exercised last night over rumors that Kilrain, the pugilist, had left town, and that his bond of \$2,000 would be forfeited. He was not at home, but his friends said that he has no intention of evading the law, inasmuch as he knows that he has nothing to fear from Governor Lowry. We will start South to-day about midnight, and on Thursday, the time fixed by the court for him to appear in the habeas corpus proceedings. Sheriff Childs said that Kilrain would be convicted and given the same sentence as Sullivan, and that he too would appear in a higher court and be released on bail. The Court of Appeals would not sit under ninety days, and in the meantime the railroad company at which the prosecution was really directed, would be doing nothing, and the pugilist would be either paid or proceedings against them dropped. Governor Lowry was only by proceeding the principals that he could reach the accessories.

THERE WILL BE A RUSH.

Prospects for the Opening of the Cherokee Strip to Settlement—Chief Mayes Criticized.

GUTHRIE, IND. TEN., August 20.—Chief Mayes' treatment of the Cherokee Commissioners is universally condemned throughout the Territory of Oklahoma. Secretary Speed, of the commission, upon his return to Guthrie was besieged by a host of Cherokee strip hounds anxious to learn from him the prospects for the strip opening next spring. There was a great rush to learn the news, and the Chief Mayes was a hero. There is no doubt but that a large part of the Chickasaw reservation will be thrown open to settlement next spring. Immediately after the Territorial Congress adjourned, the Chief Mayes was in the Chickasaw nation, where they will be soon followed by General Fairchild.

A GREAT RACE COURSE.

The Largest and Best Equipped Institution of the Kind in the World Opened.

NEW YORK, August 20.—"Morris Park," as it will be called, in contradistinction to Jerome and Mousmouth Park race tracks, was regularly opened as a race course to-day. It is the property of Mr. John Morris, who had associated with him in its management the New York Jockey Club. The grounds and track are located in Westchester county, on the Harlem branch of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, and are partly within the city limits. The new course had the best buildings and arrangements of any in the world. Its grand stand is the largest and most complete of any in the world and all its appointments are in the highest degree of the latest modern times. The tracks are both elliptical and straight away and it is believed that they will be, when properly settled and conditioned, the fastest in America.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

An Entire Family Almost Cremated in a Burning Building.

TREKUMEN, ONT., August 20.—About 12 o'clock last night a fire broke out in Rector Robins's house. Robins was awakened by the smoke, and went to the rescue of his family. A crowd gathered and were horrified to see Robins open one of the windows in the second story and throw out his three children one by one. There were persons there to catch the children and they escaped injury. Some of the crowd rushed into the building and dragged out Mrs. Robins, who was unconscious. Mrs. Robins's father-in-law was fatally hurt. The flames next seized upon a wine house and shop adjoining. There was a keg of powder in the former and the winehouse blew up. Robins does not know what started the fire.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

The race troubles in Texas have quieted down. The British Prince, steamship, arrived at Philadelphia yesterday.

Judge Henry C. Whitman, of Cincinnati, an old friend of Henry Clay, died yesterday.

Sixty thousand dollars' damage was done by a heavy rain at Duluth, Minn., Monday night.

Sullivan will give sparring exhibitions in all the principal cities during the coming season.

Fifteen of fifty-two Hungarians have been held for participating in the riots at the Hecla coke works.

Governor Foraker will deliver the principal address at President Harrison's reception at Cincinnati to-day.

The stage running between Canon City and Baker City, Oregon, was robbed last Saturday and all the registered mail was taken.

The Cincinnati, Sandusky & Cleveland road yesterday declared a dividend of 1 per cent for the half year ending August 31.

The following naval cadets have been appointed: James Thompson Brunot, Greensburg, Pa., and Fred Charles Irwin, Grass Lake, Mich.

Articles of agreement have been signed between Teemer and Gaudaur for a four mile race for \$1,000 a side at McKeesport, Pa., on September 14.

The Fall River, Mass., laundry, the largest establishment of the kind in New England, was burned yesterday. Loss \$25,000; insurance \$15,500.

Alfred Porter, of Dover, a student at Dartmouth College, was shot and instantly killed last night on Kennison's farm near Wolfboro, N. H., while cleaning a revolver.

M. P. Arthur, Chief of the Locomotive Engineers' Brotherhood, will visit Minneapolis Saturday and engineers within a radius of 300 miles have been invited to meet him in a "social session."

At a meeting of the New York World's Fair Committee last night it was developed that \$15,000,000 was needed to inaugurate the scheme. The subscription list was started with a \$10,000 contribution by the Daily Sun.

A FAMOUS ADVENTURER

Meets with a Violent Death in the West Indies.

HIS ROMANTIC HISTORY.

A Scholarly Englishman who Wasted His Life—Once a Celebrated Cricket Player—His Career in America.

NEW YORK, August 20.—The steamship Muriel, of the Quebec line, reached here yesterday from the West Indies. Her captain reports that, by the falling of a derrick on July 27, while the Muriel was unloading cargo at the port of Spain, the Muriel's purser, Charles A. Abalom, and the West Indian Superintendent of the line, J. H. Dupont, were killed. Abalom was a wasted life. A graduate of Oxford, at the head of his class, well bred, a thorough English gentleman, with excellent opportunities and advantages such as fall to the lot of few men in this world, he threw himself away and became a wanderer without a home. He was a great traveler, and had read and seen almost everything of interest on earth. In his youth he was one of England's most famous cricket players, and his name will recall to every Britisher at home the stirring cricket matches of ten to fifteen years ago between Oxford and Cambridge. He had no superior as a batsman and was perhaps the fastest runner that ever belonged to a university eleven. For several years he held the record at 100 yards. When Lord Harris started on his tour around the world at the head of a strong team as ever left the tight laced island, Abalom was his right hand man. For six years he played cricket in the British colonies, being treated royally wherever they went. In Australia this remarkable man became the talk of the continent by playing his game bareheaded in the broiling sun when even the natives wore hats. Not even a native was capable of performing such a feat. The habit of going without his hat grew upon him in early life, and clung to him till the day of his death.

RECOGNIZES AN AMERICAN.

When he broke loose from home associations, on account of a love affair it is said, he bought a rifle and a dog and for eight years buried himself in the heart of the Rocky mountains. Here he became the friend of numerous Indian chiefs and many tribes in Washington Territory came to know him well. He was an especial favorite of the Spokanes, and from them received a curious name, which signifies in English, "White man who never wears a hat." While hunting one day Abalom fell a ledge receiving injuries which brought him to New York, where he might find proper treatment. He was in a hospital for several months and when discharged accepted the office of purser on the steamer Arinco, plying between this point and Bermuda. From that vessel he was transferred to the Muriel in order that he might have a look at the West Indies. It soon became known throughout the windward islands that Abalom was on board and wherever the Muriel touched the colonists besieged him to come ashore and join in their games of cricket. His fame preceded him wherever he went. He was a ball and a wicket. While in the tropics Abalom did what no West Indian would dare do—slept on deck bareheaded and in dew. Aboard ship he was never known to undress and go to bed without a shirt. He had an iron constitution.

SACRIFICED HER LIFE.

A Brave Young Lady Drowned While Trying to Save Two Others.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., August 20.—Miss Tillie Fellman, a young woman of Chicago, was drowned in the St. Joseph river yesterday afternoon, while attempting to save Mr. Ed Napier, who got into deep water in his effort to save a little boy from drowning. Miss Napier and the boy were saved, but Miss Fellman lost her life. The body was recovered by the life saving crew.

MEXICAN NEWS.

Locating the Trans-Atlantic Railroad—The Ore Industry.

CITY OF MEXICO, August 20.—The work of locating the route of the Trans-Atlantic railroad between Chiapas and Tobacco is progressing. Wheat is beginning to be exported to England from the State of Sonora. The State Government gives a bounty to all producers who export wheat.

The Sierra Madre owners in the Sierra Madre have resolved to erect a smelter as a protection against the increased duty on ores imposed by the United States Government. A prominent buyer of ores says that the extent of 35 per cent since the order for the collection of the increased duty was issued.

Will Tax the Protestant Churches.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 20.—M. Vyschegradski, Minister of Finance, intends to tax the Protestant churches in the Baltic provinces. Those churches have heretofore been exempt from taxation. This is one of a series of reforms by which the government intends to thoroughly Russiasize the old Baltic German provinces, and to diminish the influence of the German Protestant clergy.

A Bomb Thrown in Rome.

ROME, August 20.—Last evening a spherical bomb ten centimetres in diameter was thrown from the rear of the Chamber of Deputies into the Piazza Colonna during the progress of a concert. The bomb exploded, wounding seriously six gentlemen and a child. A panic ensued, which was, however, soon quelled and the injured persons were removed to the hospital.

Grace Hawthorne's Suit.

LONDON, August 20.—Miss Grace Hawthorne's suit against Manager A. M. Palmer for breach of contract in failing to produce "Theobald" in London, will be tried late in the autumn. Sir Charles Russell and Sir Henry James have received retain